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DEPT. PASS TO U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE FOR ROBERT F. GABER

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SUBJECT: OFFICE SPACE FOR U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE

REF : A) TAIPEI 4148

B) DEPT. OF TREASURY DTG 161342Z JUL 74

1. ACCORDING TO REF B, GARNITZ (USDOC/OIM) "UNAWARE OF ANY SPACE ARRANGEMENTS IN TRADE CENTER. COMMERCE WANTS TRADE CENTER TO BE OCCUPIED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES ONLY." EMBASSY IS PERPLEXED AT THIS INFORMATION SINCE SUBJECT OF LOCATING US CUSTOMS REP AT TRADE CENTER WAS DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY WITH TOM MOORE (USDT/OIM) DURING

HIS VISIT TO TAIPEI LATE JUNE AND IN TELECONS BETWEEN TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR AND USDOC/OIM (LEONARD AND LLOYD) JUNE 27 AND 28.

2. WHEN COMMERCIAL SECTION MOVES TO TRADE CENTER IN MID-AUGUST, THERE WILL STILL BE SUFFICIENT OFFICE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE CUSTOMS REP AND SECRETARY. ONLY SPACE AVAILABLE IN CRAMPED CHANCERY IS TOTALLY INADEQUATE. ROOM IS SMALL AND THERE IS COMPLETE LACK OF PRIVACY SINCE CUSTOMS REP AND SECRETARY MUST SHARE SAME OFFICE.

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3. EMBASSY IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF OTHER

SUITABLE LOCATIONS FOR CUSTOMS REP BUT ULTIMATELY
AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE TO DECIDE IF THE NEEDS OF POST
ARE BEST SERVED BY ESTABLISHING CUSTOMS REP IN
TRADE CENTER.
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